




THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Shepherd's Scroll

Preaching, Teaching, and Reaching in Jesus' Name

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Waiting on the Spirit

We live in a liminal time in the church. The church of the future is unclear; the church of yesterday is no more. In some ways, we can see this time of change we're living through as an adventure. Even here at Good Shepherd, we don't know exactly where we're going or how we'll get there, but we do know that Christ is with us along the way and will equip us with what we need.

One of the ways that we are equipped and prepared as people of faith is through prayer. While sometimes it feels like we need to be DOING, it is equally as important to be actively WAITING on the Holy Spirit. For that reason, I'm inviting us all to pray together. At home, in all the times and places where we gather – including our Sunday worship – I'm inviting us to pray a prayer that looks to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and direction, perhaps something like this:

**Come, Holy Spirit.
Move in us and through us.
Breathe new life into Good Shepherd.
Draw us into what God is doing now.
Weave us into the future you imagine.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

I'll post these simple lines around our building. I'll encourage committees and small groups and service teams to pray this or something similar every time they gather. My intention is that this simple practice of prayer is only a starting point for us – not a magic formula or rote recital.

So, I'll encourage groups to adapt, to contextualize, to make the prayer connect to the work or purpose they already have.

My hope is that, by introducing this practice, we'll intentionally be thinking about and praying for the future of this community. And even more, that, together, we will be equipped and encouraged to wait on the Holy Spirit for whatever God might have in store.

Being Church together IS an adventure! And I, for one, and eagerly willing to wait on where the Holy Spirit leads.

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Lynette Chapman

MEMBERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD PACKED SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR



**120 School Kits were
packed on Sunday,
September 17**



THANK YOU - LWR School Kit Packing

Thank you to all who helped assemble the 120 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will have a blessing of those kits and other items for LWR during the church service on October 15 and then send them off later in October on their journey to help those in need around the world.

WORSHIP NEWS



October 1 – Deacon Jason will preach.

October 15 –Vocation Sunday and LWR Kit Blessing

We'll celebrate our work and volunteerism beyond the church. Wear your uniform or bring something that represents what you do during the week – either professionally or as a volunteer. We'll bless work and hands, and all that God has given us to do.

October 29 – Reformation Sunday

What does it look like to resist authority? To rebel for the sake of justice? We'll celebrate rebels and resisters who have made the world a better place. Folks are welcome to dress as or bring pictures of rebels and resisters (real or fictional!) who have inspired them. If you email them to pastor by October 26, we'll put them on the screen. **Remember to wear red!**



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

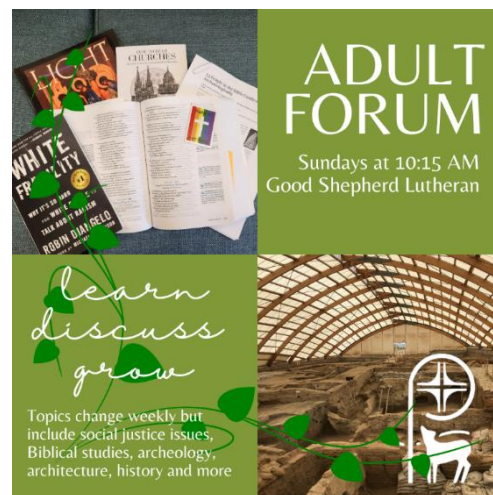
Would you like to be a Sunday School Teacher?

Currently, we have three groups of kids: K-2, 3-6, and 7-12. Please talk to Deacon Jason Fisher. **There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or sign up using this link:**

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DTypSYrmqAl1VQuW_aWdeubaOxQNNokXjX4pPvNNdc/edit#gid=0



Cross+Gen has returned with more engaging learning experiences for all ages. Join us **October 1, November 5, and December 3** for a variety of topics. All Cross+Gen Gatherings have time for conversation, creativity, and action. All are welcome!



ADULT FORUM

October 8 – Green Ideas for your Own Home: Things You Can Do Every Day

Cindy Shepherd, from Faith in Place, will join us to start a Green Team. Dean Olson and Susan Barreto to start and maintain a blog.

October 15 – Psalms: Praying, Pleading, Cursing, Praising - Pastor Cinda Brucker

October 22 – Communicating with Your Health Care Provider - Sandy Reifsteck-Rueter, Good Shepherd Parish Nurse

October 29 – Church Architecture and the Reformation of Space - Pastor Lynette

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



DWELLING TOGETHER SMALL GROUP

“To dwell” means “to spend time in”. Our Dwelling Together group spends time in supportive conversation, in scripture, and in prayer. **Join them 2nd-5th Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome!



GSLC PIECE MAKERS

**Tuesdays
Noon-3PM**

Quilts are being made for LWR. If you are interested in donating items, check our list located in the narthex and leave them in the donation area under the coat rack.

Contact Lois McConomy or Jodi Davis to confirm your attendance or for more information.

Monetary donations can be made to GSLC with Piece Makers in the memo. **THANK YOU** for your support of this very important mission.

Note: In 2020, researchers investigated the causes of stunting in a region of Tanzania, where the growth of 1 in every 3 children is stunted and discovered that children were burning significant energy just to keep their bodies warm.

Check out the video about how LWR quilts prevent stunting:

<https://lwr.org/blog/2023/lwr-mission-quilts-unexpected-tool-keep-children-healthy>



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, October 26, 6PM

All are welcome! Feel free to invite anyone who may be battling, recovering from, or has family or friends living with a cancer diagnosis.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



**CROSSROADS
COFFEEHOUSE**
Sunday
October 1, 6-8PM

Fresh music, hot
coffee, and good
conversation.



**LEARN TO PLAY
PICKLEBALL**

Sunday, November 12, Noon-3:30PM

You may have heard about the increasing popularity of pickleball. Now is your chance to learn to play! Don Block will discuss the rules for pickleball, and we'll get a chance to try our hand at the game. Meet in the Fellowship Hall where we will have a pickleball court marked off. Rackets will be provided.



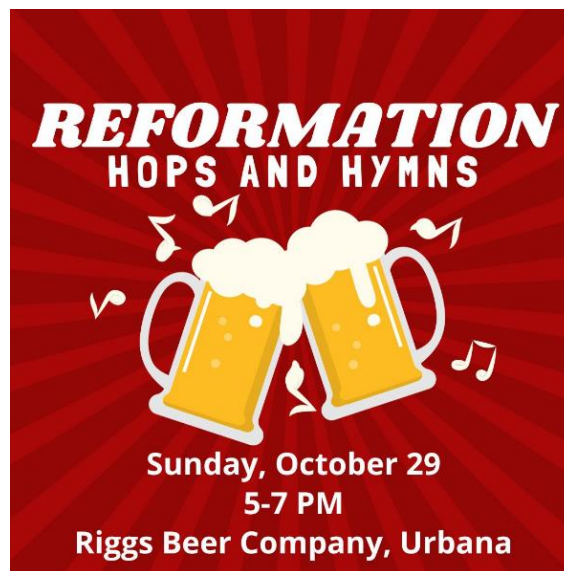
FALL FUN FEST
Sunday
October 8
11AM-2PM

Invite your
family and
friends to join
us for pumpkin
decorating, a
variety of

games, a pumpkin selfie space, a bounce house, and other activities. Jurassic Grill and Kona Ice food trucks will be there. Kids are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes.

This is being held in conjunction with the WELCA bake sale (see separate article on that). In case of rain, we will shift activities to the Fellowship Hall. **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer for a shift to help at the event or with set-up on October 7.** Contact Nancy Holm or Kim McFarland if you have any questions.

If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy for game prizes, please place those in the box in the narthex.



REFORMATION HOPS & HYMNS
Sunday, October 29, 5-7PM
Join us at Riggs!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

Join us for an hour of service for **Feeding Our Kids**, a program

that tries to provide nourishing food to food insecure school children on weekends and school holidays throughout the school year. We will be stocking, cleaning, and/or packing food from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 5 at Hope Center in Urbana. We can have from 5-15 folks working. Please sign up at this link [Feeding Our Kids](#) and join us!

We also have an opportunity for a weekday project at Eastern Illinois Food Bank on Thursday, October 19 from 1-3 pm. Champaign Unit 4 schools are out this week, and students ages 12 and up can join us. Sign-up at this link: [Eastern Illinois Foodbank](#)

TEEN LUNCH CONNECTION

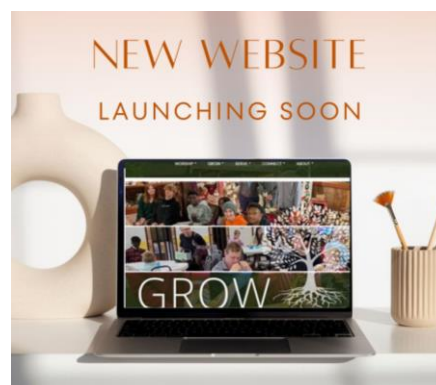
**TEEN LUNCH CONNECTION (TLC)
@ CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

The goal is to provide fun, food and fellowship opportunities to students during their lunch period by utilizing community volunteers.

They need your help! Please share the sign-up link with friends and associates you

think would interact well with high school students and provide them a safe space during their lunch hour once a month.

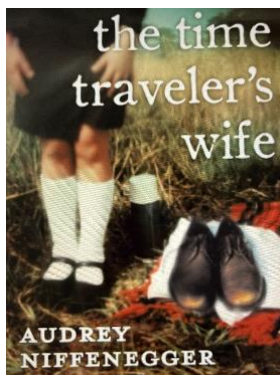
This can be a one-time volunteer experience, or volunteers can sign up for multiple dates, you can even volunteer to hang out during your lunch break. Visit this link: <https://signup.com/go/EAOpOOT> *Volunteers who sign up for more than one time a semester need to complete a volunteer application and background check.*



NEW GSLC WEBSITE TO LAUNCH!

Did you know that our Tech Team has been diligently working on a new website for Good Shepherd? The new site will be cleaner, more user-friendly, less prone to cyber-attacks* (we hope!) and connect with our social media feeds. The site should be live by mid-October. Thanks to our wonderful Tech Team, led by John Hart, for their hard work.

*You may notice a lack of contact info in our online publications. **Please refer to your printed directory or Breeze for email addresses and phone numbers.**



WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday, October 12

9:30AM

GSLC Choir Room

The Time Traveler's Wife
By Audrey Niffenegger

This is a love story about Henry, an adventuresome librarian, with a genetic disorder that causes him to time travel, unpredictably, and about his wife, an artist, who has to cope with his frequent absences. This book was selected because it was mentioned many times in our August reading of *The Book List*.

Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions.



WELCA BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 8, 10:15AM-2:00PM

Cookies, breads, pies and more will be for sale to raise funds for many non-profit organizations such as Storybook Project, Courage Connections, CU at Home, Eastern Illinois Food Bank, GSLC's El Salvador Christo Rey Youth Project and many more.

For those contributing items to the bake sale, please note that there are **specific guidelines** from the Public Health Department. **No items should have cream**

cheese or some other ingredient that can spoil if left out for several hours. Each item must be packaged and ready to sell with a label attached with your first name, (or initials), the name of your item, and the main ingredients. Some major allergens that need to be listed are peanuts, eggs, milk and milk products and other nuts.

Please put 4-6 items in one package if you are selling cookies, cupcakes, or something similar. Drop off items at church in the narthex Friday, October 6 from Noon-2pm, Saturday, October 7 from 4-6pm, or Sunday morning by 8:45am. We are not pricing items this year but will just be asking for donations with a list of suggested donation prices.

Sign-up sheets in the narthex for baked goods and/or to help that day with the sale. Contact Nancy Holm Patty Hart if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

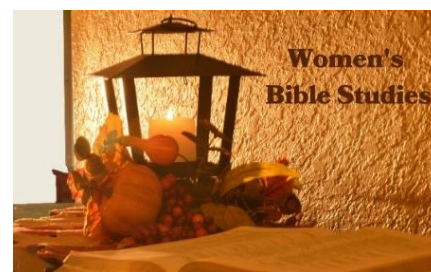
All groups meet in
the Choir Room

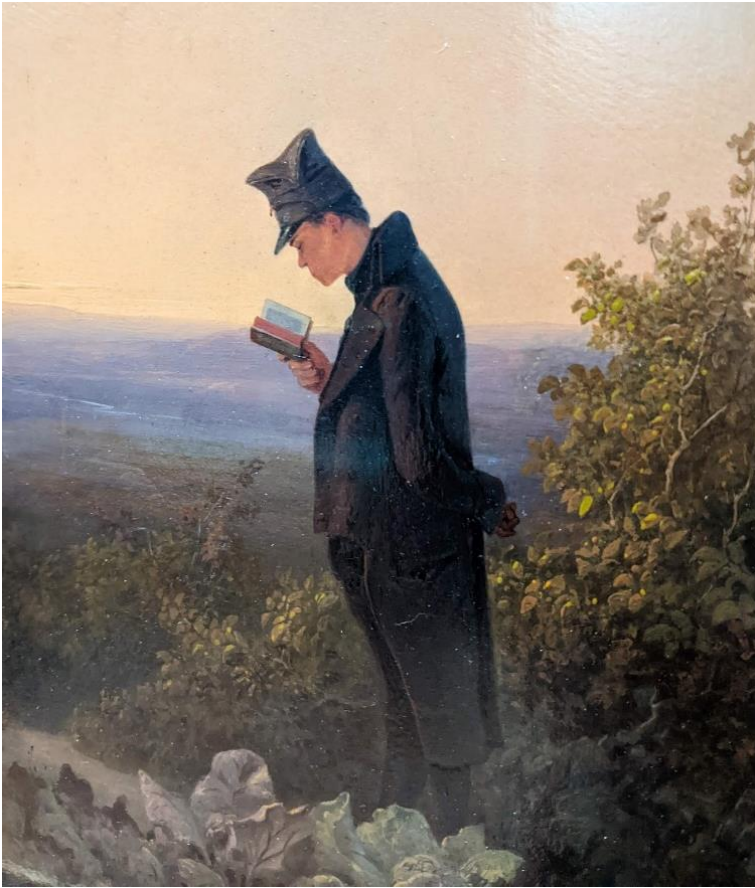
Anna Bible Study:
Monday, October 9, 4:30PM

Ruth Bible Study:
Tuesday, October 17, 9:30AM

Rachel Bible Study:
Monday, October 23, 2:30PM

We use the WELCA magazine *Gather*. Copies are available near the WELCA bulletin board.





FROM THE DEACON'S DESK:

One of the gifts of my Sabbatical was the chance to visit the Louvre Museum in Paris. I had been told by many people before I left that the Louvre used to be a palace and before that it was a fort. These folks tried to convince me that because of how massive the place is one person could never see the whole museum in a single day. Being who I am, I took that as a challenge and spent 8 hours walking briskly through each of the halls attempting to 'see it all.'

This brisk walk led me past famous works like, The Wedding Feast at Cana, David with the head of Goliath, Venus de Milo, the Code of Hammurabi, and, of course, the Mona Lisa. After many miles and many hours of walking and looking and reading, the piece of art that stood out to

me was one by Carl Spitzweg titled: *The Country Curate on a Walk*.

Carl Spitzweg was known to combine the art of caricature with that of painting. You know those big goofy drawings of your face you can get done at amusement parks? Think of combining that with the work of Paul Cézanne and you get close to the silly combinations Carl was known for. A curate is a person who is in charge of caring for the people in their congregation or parish. A parish is a geographical region that a priest or pastor would be in charge of and for many years they would literally walk around to make visits to the people in their care. The goal was to bring hope, healing, and prayers with each visit. Often these three were connected. While I have never seen a priest or pastor with a hat quite like the one in the painting, I did recognize the little prayerbook in his hand.

The comical part of this painting, and what stuck out to me, was that you have a religious figure with his nose so buried in his prayer book that he fails to see the grandeur of God's creation and revelation all around him. It reminds me of Proverbs 28:9 that reads; *When one will not listen to the law, even one's prayers are an abomination*. I want to yell at the priest in the painting; "PUT THE BOOK DOWN AND LOOK AROUND!"

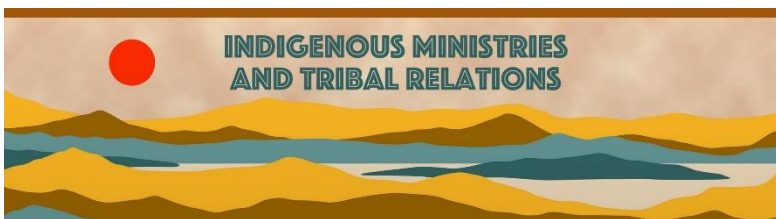
Sometimes I wonder if God wants to scream, "PUT IT DOWN AND LOOK AROUND!" How often do we tend to have our faces buried in seemingly important things, only to miss the beauty of God's voice speaking to us through creation? Do we really believe that the next social media

post has more to say to us than the ant crawling on our arm at the park? How often do good prayers or inspirational posts of well wishes for others keep us from actually visiting those people in need?

One of my hopes after returning from Sabbatical is to model discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit, by keeping my own eyes open to what God is revealing to us. Jesus doesn't want us to be so distracted with seemingly good things that the world looks at us as ironic and irrelevant.

For followers of Jesus to be real and relevant we can't be just about words. We will literally, for the love of God, need to get our faces out of our screens long enough to be a physical part of what God is doing in the world. In order to 'see it all' we will need to look up and out at God's beautiful creation which includes each other. May we all be little priests walking the world sharing the love of Christ Jesus with those we meet along the way.

Deacon Jason Fisher



The ELCA's [Truth & Healing Movement](#) is an opportunity for this church to increase our understanding of our colonizing impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. Over the next several months, there will be opportunities to learn, raise awareness and

engage in other ways to impact hearts and lives across this church.

Class: "Indian 101"

Thursday, October 5, 7-9pm

The general population knows very little about the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island. "Indian 101" explains some of these basics to build a foundation for us to stand in solidarity with Indian people across the United States. **No registration required, visit elca.org/truthandhealing and click "join the class".**

More Free Online Classes in October:

Settler Narrative Presented by Vance Blackfox

Tuesday, October 24, 7-8pm

Indigenous Thought & Theology led by Vance Blackfox

Thursday, October 26, 10am–12pm



Monday, October 9: Indigenous People's Day

Killers of the Flower Moon is set in 1920s Oklahoma. It depicts the serial murder of members of the oil-wealthy Osage Nation, a string of brutal crimes that came to be known as the Reign of Terror. Support this moment in Indigenous and cinematic history by seeing the film beginning on Friday, October 20 in your local theaters.

YOUTH EVENTS



K-12TH GRADE YOUTH MINI GOLF Sunday, October 1, 4PM

Families with kids of all ages are invited to meet us at The Fringe for 18 holes of mini golf. (849 Stone Bridge Drive Rantoul, IL 61866) This event is FREE to all youth and adults who are able to attend. You are welcome to bring friends and neighbors but the cost for them is \$7 per person.



JASON'S SABBATICAL SHARING Saturday, October 14, Noon 2906 Blair Dr, Champaign

Jason would like to invite the entire congregation over to his house for lunch on Saturday, October 14th at noon. He and his family will provide sandwiches, chips, and drinks for anyone able to attend. Side dishes are welcome but not expected.

Jason will give a tour of the garden expansion project and share how much food was grown and shared with the community during the sabbatical. There will also be pictures from his journeys and the chance to ask questions. In the case of bad weather, the event will be moved to Sunday October 15th at 5pm for dinner at Jason's house.



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT Friday, October 6, 5-8PM

Parents Night Out is back on the FIRST FRIDAY of every month. Parents get a night to themselves while kids enjoy dinner and games. We accept FREE WILL donations for future youth trips and programs. RSVP with Jason the Wednesday before if interested.



CANTEEN RUN Tuesday, October 24 6-8PM

Meet Jason at Country Fair Storage (619 Country Fair Drive in Champaign) by 6pm to join us as we distribute clothes, food, and hope to those in need.



COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT
Friday, October 27, 5-9PM

Youth and adults of all ages are invited to try new board games and card games with neighbors of Good Shepherd. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Your friends and neighbors are welcome to bring their own favorites and teach them to us. **New this year Jason will be giving away a game each month!**



PUMPKIN SALES SIGN UP

Funds from this year's pumpkin sales will help our 8th – 12th grade youth attend the Gathering next summer in New Orleans. If you have a young person in this age group and need to raise money for this trip, or if you would like to support the youth in this way, we invite you to either [sign up online at this link](#) for some shifts to sell pumpkins, or sign up in the hallway by the sanctuary for the days and times that work best for you.

This is a wonderful way to for Good Shepherd to meet our neighbors and invite them into the mission God has gifted to us.



CARLINVILLE RETREAT
Friday, November 17 through
Sunday, November 19
Lake Williamson Christian Center

All students currently in 6th – 12th grade are invited to join Jason for a weekend of games, Bible study, friendship making, service, and worship. This is a great chance for youth to meet other students from across our Synod. **Cost of this event is \$150 per person and will be due Sunday November 5.**



NEW ORLEANS
GATHERING
July 15 –21, 2024
Youth 8th-12th Grade

Registration cost \$150
Due Sunday October 15

ELCA Youth from across the country will converge on New Orleans next summer for 4 days of service, learning, worship, and fellowship with each other and God. Every young person will get to see first-hand what the Holy Spirit is up to in the larger church as we worship with 25,000 other Lutherans in the Superdome! A sea of young people in colored shirts will fill the streets of New Orleans for service projects across the city.

This amazing event only happens every 3 years. Registration is open, contact Jason if your student is interested in attending.

More information can be found at: <https://www.elca.church/gathering>.

Stay tuned for monthly meeting dates as we begin to pray and plan for fundraising and transportation down to New Orleans.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Good Shepherd is participating in the electronics recycling event happening in Champaign County. Pastor Lynette has graciously volunteered to take our recyclables to the drop off location on October 14. **Please have your electronics that you wish to dispose of to the church on or before Friday, October 13. Items can be dropped off at the church anytime between 8am-2pm Monday through Friday while Traci is in the office.**

A list of acceptable items is located on the table in the Narthex. If you have a TV to recycle, please wait to drop those off until the week of October 8-13 as we have no place to store them. We're limited to a certain number of items so please check with us before bringing your electronics to the church. Email Traci at staff@gsllc-cu.org for more info. If you have a lot of electronics you wish to recycle and live within Champaign County, you're able to register at <https://ecycle.simplybook.me/v2/>.



FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

**Saturday
November 18
9AM TO NOON**

Light outdoor work such as gather leaves, trim bushes, clean flower beds, and hopefully a few indoor projects as well. Many hands make light work!! Although Martin Luther reminded us that we cannot work our way into heaven, we can work our way into improving our church grounds! **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**



SNOW TEAMS WANTED

Does the snow of Lebanon ever vanish from its rocky slopes? Jeremiah 18:14. The Property Committee does not know the answer to this question, be it literal or rhetorical. But the Property Committee does know that the snow is removed from the parking lot and sidewalks at Good Shepherd by the volunteers that sign up to be on the snow removal teams! To be added to the snow removal teams, please contact the office at staff@gsllc-cu.org or Joe Chamley, Property Committee Co-Chair.

OCTOBER SERVING SCHEDULE

	10/01/2023	10/08/2023	10/15/2023	10/22/2023	10/29/2023
Acolyte	Reid Bruggman	Donovan Dewing	Andrew Todd	Jake Brucker	Silas Fisher
Communion Assistants	Gail Block Becky Fisher Samantha Fisher	Susan Hinrichs Betsy Kakoma Joe Chamley	Dylan Keene Jeremiah Todd Marla Todd	Carol Steinman Cinda Brucker Nancy Olson	Jim Manley Carol Manley Dan Corkery
Reader	Tim O'Connell	Lois McConomy	Tori Corkery	Gail Block	Nancy Olson
Chancel Care	Gail Block	Myrna Johnson	Myrna Johnson	Carol Steinman	Carol Steinman
Food Delivery	Gerald & Rosalyn Roosevelt	Dean Olson & Bob Clark	Rebecca Nef- Heffernan & Laurie Johnson	Rick & Cindy Marrs	Shelly Cekander
Flower Delivery	Deb Swanson	Betsy Kakoma	Jenelle Keene	Gail Block	Laurie Johnson
Nursery	Lisa Young	Amy Chamley	Jenelle Keene	Sadie Bruggman	Samantha Fisher
Coffee/Donuts	Patty Hart & Kim McFarland	Samantha Fisher & Don Block	Laurie Johnson & Nancy Holm	Nancy Olson & Don Block	Becky Fisher & Don Block
Usher	Rebecca Nef- Heffernan	Sue Plisch	Patty Hart	June Waller	Dean Olson

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on Sunday mornings, please contact Traci in the church office at staff@gslc-cu.org to be added to our volunteer list.



WORDS OF GRATITUDE



Sandy Reifsteck shared this photo of her 7-year-old great granddaughter, Eden Combest, from Texas who's had cystic fibrosis since birth. She's modeling a prayer shawl made by GSLC ladies. Her family wants to thank you, she loves the prayers and obviously the shawl. She was in the hospital for several weeks in July. Sandy asks that you continue to keep her in your prayers.

Cinda Brucker has been visiting Marilyn Krummel and reports that Marilyn told her that "Several of the women from the church visit her - Gail and Marilyn - and the church flowers mean the world to us. It's like having the congregation come to visit."

Dean Olson has been visiting with Betty Frerichs and reports that she is grateful for Pastor Lynette's monthly Visits/Bible Study/communion visits with residents at Autumn Fields. She's also glad to be part of the Piece Makers group at GSLC and the rides provided by Lois McConomy. Betty is a quilting superstar!

Dean Olson and Betsy Kakoma visited Jeretta Hecht this month and reports she enjoyed their visit very much.

Jenelle Keene has been regularly visiting Ursula Carson in Paxton and reports that she's grateful for the visits and phone calls from GSLC members.



EXERCISE GROUP AT GSLC

As the Good Shepherd Exercise Group starts its 43rd year, the members unanimously wish to thank Good Shepherd for the continued support to our group. We so value the convenient, welcoming atmosphere the Fellowship Hall provides.

Our members find personal value in the strengthening of our bodies and the fitness we achieve. The group camaraderie and the skilled instructors are plusses that make the whole experience very rewarding.

We extend an invitation to the GSLC congregation to come visit our group which meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00-10:00am.

Church COUNCIL

GOOD SHEPHERD'S COUNCIL MEMBERS 2023-2024



(Pictured left to right) Top row: Jeff Young, Tim O'Connell, Nancy McCowen, Bob Clark, Nancy Holm, Susan Hinrichs, Susan Barreto
Bottom row: Darrell Hoemann, Harold Moe, Pastor Lynette, John Hart, Joe Chamley, Jason Fisher (Not Pictured: Kim McFarland)



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Pastor Emeritus	Edward D. Schneider
Deacon	Jason Fisher
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Parish Worker	Marilyn Dudley
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Organist	Linda Pein
Choir Director	Julia Hartman
Accompanist	Fenella Theodore
Custodian	Dennis Lage
Parish Nurses	Sandy Reifsteck
	Elizabeth Kakoma
	Celeste Coverdill

Office Hours
Monday– Friday
8:00AM – 2:00PM

Deadline for Scroll is the 15th of every month.

Bulletin / Announcement / Shout Out Deadline is Wednesday at noon each week.

If you would like to receive a printed copy of the Scroll, please contact Traci at staff@gslc-cu.org. Paper copies are also available at the church.